

## A SUMMER FABLE.

Something After the Style of the Persian.

Detroit Free Press.

One day, when summer had begun her business of blistering the ears of small boys, and helping the ice men to grow rich and high nosed, an old goose suspended her frog hunting operations in the pond and called her three dear goslings about her for a family chat.

"My dear, dear daughters," she began, as she put up one foot to see if her beau-catchers were properly curled, "I am grieved that we are compelled to reside in such a neighborhood as this. Since your father died and I got his life insurance, I have found no one here good enough for me to associate with. You, too, have had a hard time. The young ganders around here are a mud puddle set, and the old widowers would have to be parboiled a whole week before a wolf could chew them. We must continue to reside here for a time, but that is no reason why any of you should remain single."

The goslings blushed and hid their heads, as proper young goslings should, and the mother arched her neck and continued:

"Of course, I want you all to marry rich young ganders and put on the style that becomes the daughters of a goose like me. It is true that your father was brought up with a lame dog, and that I was glad enough to get a mud hole to swim in, but things have changed. If I don't set the fashions for this locality, I at least lead the styles, and no other goose dares quack her mouth until I give the signal."

Here she plumed her feathers and gave a hiss which was heard clean over to the barnyard, and the delighted goslings swam around her and applauded.

"Therefore, my dear goslings, I had planned a trip for us all. As rich ganders do not seek us out, we will seek for them. While I am none too old to marry again, being far from an old goose, I shall not allow the thought to enter my head, but shall devote all my time to securing suitable mates for you. Arabella, you must pencil your eyebrows, and wear a sad, far-away look and quote poetry. Viola, you must be gushing and frank, and talk about our bonds, and diamonds and servants. Eleanor, you must seem innocent and confiding, and if you can be found weeping now and then, it will surely lead to a proposal. Now, then, to get ready."

A few days later the quartette appeared at a frog pond, much frequented by fashionable fowls and animals, and they had no sooner struck the water than they created a swell.

The best places were everywhere reserved for them, and such other geese as they could not swim over they stared out of countenance and passed around. Arabella saddened, Viola gushed and Eleanor wept, and three sleek looking foxes, wearing mutton-chop whiskers and speaking with a lisp, were caught in the traps. It was a happy idea to have three weddings at once, and to be in a hurry about it before the foxes could get away, and the plan was duly carried out.

The honeymoon had only begun when one fox was arrested for having too many gosling wives. A second turned out to be a buzzard in disguise, and he stole old Mother Goose's diamonds and lit out, while the third got drunk and was smothered in the mud. When the down-hearted and chagrined quartette had waddled back to their own frog pond, feet sore and feathers missing, and ashamed to look old friends in the face, a drake walked down to the bank and said: "While I would not utter one quack to add to your over-wrought feelings, let me, in all kindness, gently remark that the difference between marrying a home gander or a foreign fox is seldom seen by a goose until she has been baked and eaten."

A little girl, visiting a neighbor with her mother, was gazing curiously at the host's new bonnet, when the owner queried: "Do you like it, Laura?" The innocent replied, "Why, mother said it was a perfect fright; but it don't scare me!" Laura's mother didn't stay long after that.

## Miss Bernhardt Arrives in New York.

A New York dispatch of the 27th says: A reporter, accompanied by Knut Nillsson, of the Paris Figaro, an old friend of the actress, welcomed Miss Bernhardt to New York. Mr. Nillsson was received with much favor and warmth, being permitted to kiss the gloved hand of the fair voyager.

Entering into conversation the reporter inquired whether she had suffered much inconvenience from sea sickness.

"Oh, monsieur, don't talk about it, pray. From the very moment we left Havre until 2 o'clock this morning I have not once left my bed. I have been terribly sick, but it is over now. I am thankful to say; but yet I would willingly go through it all again for the pleasure of coming to your beautiful country, of which I have heard and read so much."

"But did you not feel many regrets at leaving gay Paris and your beautiful home?"

"Of course, I was sorry to leave so many dear friends behind me, but I shall see them again in a few months, and in that time I shall have had an opportunity of studying a new people and learning much, which will be useful to me hereafter."

"Your sickness must have deprived you of much amusement, which, I understand, took place during the voyage."

"Yes, indeed, it did. But last Saturday I received a deputation in my stateroom, for it was the anniversary of my birth, and Mr. Jarret, Mme. Calombier, Mr. Aygela and Mme. Gurard all made me handsome presents, which they had bought before leaving. Then the officers presented me with a handsome bouquet made from vegetables cut into representations of fruit and flowers."

Miss Bernhardt was given a formal welcome to this country by the president of the Circle Artistique, who, with a number of other gentlemen, went down the bay to-day to meet the steamer. Many persons were upon the wharf, anxious to see the famous artist, and in front of the hotel where Bernhardt is lodged, groups of people stand and stare at the windows.

"Frizzes" and "Bangs."

Puck.

A current item states that "a confirmation was held in St. John's Catholic church, at Concord, N. H., and the young girls were told beforehand by the priest that the Bishop would not lay his hand on any 'frizzed' or 'banged' heads. The Bishop of Concord has also forbidden 'banged' or 'frizzed' hair to be worn in his diocese."

This is a move in the right direction. It was about time something was done toward rescuing our young girls from the frightful demon of "bangs" and "frizzes." When a maiden acquires a taste for this soul-destroying fashion, her head first appears with a couple of modest little curls fondly clinging to her temple; but pretty soon her downward career becomes more marked; the blood is poisoned, the whole system permeated with a vitiated taste for bangs and frizzes, and she boldly promenades the street with her forehead garnished with the corrupting bangs from one ear to the other, and reaching down to her eyebrows! And if this terrible passion is not checked in its first stages, before it seizes hold of the girl with such a vise-like grip that she cannot shake it off, the victim is carried to a "banged" and "frizzed" grave with all her imperfections upon her forehead, and her parents are plunged in a sorrow that will not be comforted. Girls! look not upon the bang when it curleth over the brow like a viper! Shun the first friz as you would a hoppergrass at a picnic! for at last it stingeth like a steel-blue wasp and keepeth the sensible young men aloof. Mother! where is your daughter to-night? Is she in her chamber preparing the baleful quince-seed juice with which to fresco her fair forehead with the demoralizing bangs in the morning? Speak to her—plead with her—apply the slipper before it is everlasting too late.

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